

Mishicot Flood Worst in 29 Years

Roads in County Covered by Water

Warm Temperatures, Heavy Rainfall Cause Runoff Waters to Rage Wild

Temperatures ranging between 34 to 44 degrees above zero combined with a total of more than 234 inches of rainfall within the past 48 hours sent creeks, rivers and runoff waters raging wild across the landscape in the lakeshore area Thursday.

Water was over the roads in many places in the county, the underpass near Grimms on Highway 10 trapped one car and blocked traffic when its drain clogged again and basements in both the city and the county were filling with water seepage and sewers backed up.

'Cold War GI Bill' Is Sent to LBJ

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress sent to President Johnson today a "cold war GI bill" establishing a permanent program of education and other benefits for veterans who serve more than six months.

The Senate accepted most changes made by the House in the bill the Senate passed last July. Then the House approved the revised measure and sent it to the White House.

Vote 99-0
One change by the Senate in its unanimous 99-0 passage of the bill today was to make clear that veterans who have not graduated from high school would be eligible for the educational benefits. The House accepted the change without discussion.

Although the bill is more costly than one backed by Johnson he is expected to sign it into law. The measure would provide assistance to veterans of more than six months' military service retroactive to Jan. 31, 1955, when earlier programs expired.

The World War II and Korean War GI bills did cover veterans

Manitowoc firemen on two consecutive shifts have been working in the Manitowoc Rapids area since 4 a.m. Thursday when aroused residents called for help as sewers backed up and basements filled with water coming through the sewer pipes. Engine No. 3, a pumper unit, and a portable pump worked throughout the day at homes on Delta, N. 40th and Broadway streets. The Manitowoc utilities said there was no emergency as far as it was concerned as the plant can handle a much greater volume if the need arose. Storm sewers throughout the city were reported to be filled to "within inches" of the tops.

West Marshall Street was closed to traffic Wednesday night due to flood conditions and the Horseshoe Bend bridge at the west end of Meadow Lane leading to Manitowoc Rapids was closed to traffic as city street crews attempted to repair washouts at the east hill while fire equipment blocked the west approach to the bridges pumping basements of residents along the river area.

"It's the heaviest runoff we've ever seen. I've never seen the river this high," Police Chief Elmer H. Scherer said as he surveyed the traffic scene.

Potholes Develop



DEBRIS AND ICE FLOAT — Huge chunks of ice and debris spilled onto Mishicot's lower Main Street from the roaring East Twin River to cause what was reported the worst flood conditions in the village since Feb. 21, 1937 — 29 years ago. Flood waters reached a depth of more

than three feet in the street at its foot near the bridge. Conditions at Sportsman's Park on the south side of the river, usually hit by spring floods, were worst on record. (Photo by staff photographer Tom Baetz)

East Twin River Overflows Banks

Two-Block Stretch of Main Street Inundated; Business Places Swamped

MISHICOT — Prolonged rain and an early thaw caused by spring-like temperatures brought about the worst flood conditions here in 29 years.

Rampaging waters of the East Twin River flooded over banks and shortly before midnight Thursday began to seep over the south portion of the village main street. By 11 a.m. Thursday a two block long stretch of the street was dunked in two to three and one-half feet of water.

Residents and store owners on the main street reported shortly before noon Wednesday that the waters were still rising at the rate of about one inch per hour.

Waters reached the window level at some business places and homes and families living in second floor dwellings were evacuated during the night and early Thursday morning.

"This is the worst I've seen since February of 1937," recalled Ralph Dvorak, a Mishicot realtor. "Any more rainfall could result in really serious damage."

No injuries were reported but many townspeople were cold, wet and tired from working through the night removing equipment from stores and articles from homes.

Crews of Wisconsin Public Service Corp. cut off electric power and gas connections with many of the business places on the north side of the street and most on the south side. Waters a foot deep or more swirled around the Public Service Corp. building, sewage treatment plant and Mishicot Clinic.

River Clogged

Huge ice cakes and flotsam clogged the river flowage at dams and bridges, causing the waters to back up in many areas. Tom Kriziske, two river residents who came to look over the conditions, said ice floes were also blocking the river flow at Steiner's Corners and other points east of Mishicot.

"She'll have a nasty accident now," Kriziske said of the clogged river. "She'll have to."

At around 2:30 a.m. Thursday, when water moved into its quarters, televisions and other appliances in the Kronforst Electric store were taken out of the building. Butch Kronforst, son of the store owner, said, "We're just going to have to wait it out." He was in hip boots and said he and several of his friends worked all night.

First of the residents to be evacuated were Mrs. Josephine Dvorak and her son, Donald. They were helped from their home immediately east of the bridge on Main street at 10 p.m. Wednesday. Water was only a few feet from the rafters of the Dvorak home by noon Thursday.

Drastic Conditions

Also evacuated from their homes were Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Bergman and their daughter, Judith, and Mrs. Helen Ullmann, all of them live near the Dvoraks on Main Street.

Flood conditions became so drastic late Wednesday night that the Robert Conway family of six residing near the bridge moved in with the Walter Aikens in an apartment above the Mishicot Laundromat. All were removed from the apartment by boat early Thursday morning.

Throughout the night crews of the Public Service Corp. remained on the job, using ladders to cut off gas and electric services at homes and businesses. Many of the residents helped one another battle against the effects of the flood.

Alois Krause, a Town of Two Creeks farmer, helped his son, George, remove merchandise from the younger Krause's general store on Main street. Be-smudged and whiskered, the senior Krause said he stopped working at the store "just long enough to run home and milk my three cows." He added that he "didn't even have time to eat no breakfast."

Krause said that if no additional rain falls the village ought to be able to begin mopping up operations within a day. "If we get more rain this

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Bartender Fined for Late Closing

MANITOWOC — Edward T. Schrantz, bartender for the Left End Steak House at 214 N. Eighth St., Manitowoc, was fined \$25 and costs by County Judge Harold W. Mueller Wednesday after he switched his plea to nolo contendere on a charge of allowing the place to remain open after the 1 a.m. closing time.

City police said the violation occurred early Dec. 28.

Senate Kills Cloture Bid Second Time

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate declined again today to choke off the filibuster against the union shop bill and thus apparently killed the measure for this Congress.

The vote on the Democratic leadership's attempt to apply a debate-limiting cloture rule was 50-49.

On Tuesday the Senate had rejected cloture by a 51-48 tally, 15 less than the required two-thirds.

Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield of Montana said that with his failure on the second test he was putting aside the bitterly disputed legislation for the remainder of the 1966 session.

'Rest in Peace'

He said it would remain on the senate calendar but "with the words R.I.P. (rest in peace) beside it."

The bill could be called up again later but even its hardest backers saw little or no chance of success.

The House, responding to strong administration endorsement, passed the bill to repeal Act last year.

But Senate Democratic leaders now have tried twice to get the bill up for debate and never have been able even to win a vote on the preliminary motion to consider it.

The Senate outcome represented a defeat for President Johnson and even more for the AFL-CIO, which had placed the repealer at the top of its legislative program. The 14B section permits states to ban labor contracts which require all covered workers to join the union or at least pay dues.

Directed by Dirksen

Mansfield first sought to get consideration for the measure last October after it had won 221-203 approval from the House.

But then, as now, a tightly knit filibuster prevented even a vote on the preliminary motion to bring the bill before the Senate.

The filibusters were directed by Republican Leader Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois and joined by most Republicans and some Southern Democrats.

Johnson Asks to Shift Unit

Service Created by Rights Act

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson asked Congress today to allow him to shift the Community Relations Service—the federal government's chief racial mediation arm—from the Commerce to the Justice Department.

For a change, this is one civil rights proposal the President hopes Congress will ignore. For if neither House acts unfavorably within 60 days, the reorganization becomes effective.

In a letter transmitting the plan to Congress, Johnson noted that the service was placed in the Commerce Department on the assumption its primary job would be to resolve disputes over the hotly contested 1964 ban on discrimination in restaurants, heaters, hotels and other places of public accommodation.

"That decision was appropriate on the basis of information available at that time," the President said. "The need for conciliation in this area has not been as great as anticipated because of the voluntary progress that has been made by businessmen and business organizations."

The service was created by the 1964 Civil Rights Act to attempt to head off racial conflict through conciliation and mediation with local officials and representatives of all races.

Charge Krentz

with homicide

His Attorney Asks Hearing

MANITOWOC — Joseph A. Krentz, 73, of 2310 Wilson St., Two Rivers, was charged in Manitowoc County Court Branch 2 Thursday noon with homicide by reckless conduct in the death of his wife last week.

Authorities said his wife, Helen, 66, died at Two Rivers Municipal Hospital Feb. 2 of injuries received at her home a few days earlier.

An autopsy showed that death was caused by a skull fracture and brain hemorrhage. Authorities said several other bruises were found on her body.

Atty. Patrick Dewane, counsel for Krentz, requested a preliminary hearing which was set for 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23. Bail for Krentz was set at \$5,000 by Judge Harold W. Mueller.

Dist. Atty. Robert E. Koutnik said he felt that Krentz was mentally ill and that he should be committed to Central State Hospital at Waupun for observation.

"The defendant feels he is sane and has asked me to object to his being sent anywhere," Dewane told the court. Judge Mueller said the district attorney's recommendation for commitment would be taken up at the preliminary hearing.

Krentz, a retired industrial plant worker, is reported to have told authorities that his wife was injured when she fell down some stairs. Conviction on the charge carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison.

The Weather

Mostly cloudy and colder Thursday night with chance of some light snow or snow flurries northeast portion and light rain in extreme southeast portion early at night. Friday considerable cloudiness and colder. Low during night 18-25 northwest, 24-31 southeast. High Friday 27-33 north, in the 30s south.

West to northwest winds 8-15 m.p.h. south half and 10-20 m.p.h. north half at night. Friday mostly northwesterly winds 10-20 m.p.h.

Manitowoc Temperatures 4 p.m. Wednesday 35; 8 p.m. 39; midnight 39; 4 a.m. Thursday 38; 8 a.m. 36; noon 35.

Two Rivers Temperatures 4 p.m. Wednesday 38; 8 p.m. 36; midnight 38; 4 a.m. Thursday 35; 8 a.m. 36; noon 39.

Southern Wisconsin Families Evacuated as Waters Climb

(By The Associated Press)

The swollen Kickapoo River continued to kick its traces today as unseasonably warm temperatures and chronic rainfall sent flood waters sloshing through western and southwestern Wisconsin.

The Pine, Pecatonica, Eau Galle and Willow rivers joined the Kickapoo in bringing distress to sections of Crawford, La Fayette, Vernon and St. Croix counties.

"The river bank?" replied

Chief of Police Alvin Lee of Gays Mills to a question. "We've forgotten that such a thing as a river bank ever existed."

No Deaths

There were no reports of deaths from any of the affected areas, but 12 to 15 families were evacuated from Gays Mills, Lee said.

In nearby Soldiers Grove, Mayor Cecil Turk said 40 to 50 people had left town because of the advancing waters.

Lee said no home in Gays Mills were in any immediate danger of being swept away, but some were evacuated as a precautionary measure.

In Gays Mills, sandbags supplied by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, were pressed into service to protect the business district as water, in some places as deep as four feet, crept over two-thirds of the town's surface.

Sandbags were also used in Soldiers Grove as National Guardsmen, Civil Defense workers, and Red Cross personnel went to work moving furniture to higher ground and setting up cooking and sleeping facilities.

Schools Closed

The flood waters forced the closing of many schools in the area and disrupted highway travel.

Ontario in Vernon County was isolated for a time because the highways leading into the community were blocked by the water.

The Pecatonica menaced the town of Darlington in La Fayette County as its waters overflowed, scattering huge chunks of ice across roadways.

Some stores in Darlington were reported flooded. The town's fire department, fearful that the waters might split the

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Johnson Proposes 'Food for Freedom'

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Johnson proposed to Congress today a food for freedom program which may involve the movement of about \$2.8 billion worth of American food to needy areas overseas in 1967.

This would be an increase of about \$400 million over the amount now being shipped to hungry countries.

But the program — while envisioning future expansion and production by American farmers — would call for only about one-half of one per cent increase in crop acreages this year over last year.

Reserve Stocks

The increased volume of food for needy areas would come mainly from reserve stocks.

In a message to Congress, the President pointed out that farmers have about 60 million acres of crop land now idle under payment programs designed to curb overproduction, particularly of grains, and cotton.

He said this 60 million acres could be released for production as the secretary of agriculture might deem necessary to meet future needs.

Administration officials said that insofar as this year's crop production is concerned, the program will call for a 10 per cent increase — about 20,000 acres — in rice production, and about a million acres in production of soybeans, a major source of food oils and proteins.

Hunger Major Problem

Abandoning the idea of supplying only surplus foods, Johnson opened the way for increased production of some crops, chiefly rice and soybeans, to meet overseas needs.

He called for a major international effort including increased assistance from the United States and keyed to self-help from the developing countries, where hunger is one of the major problems.

To help meet world needs,

Johnson ordered a 10 per cent increase in the nation's 1966 acreage allotment for rice to meet what he called unprecedented demands brought on by drought and war in Asia.

He authorized the secretary of agriculture to buy limited amounts of dairy products to meet demands at home and abroad, where milk from U.S. farms is made available to millions of poor children.

And he announced that he will take action to increase soybean production in 1966.

The President called for in-

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Sophie Tucker, Billy Rose Die

NEW YORK (AP) — Death has come to two of the best-known entertainers from a bygone era, master showman Billy Rose and Sophie Tucker, "last of the red-hot mamas."

The two show business giants, whose careers were born in the days of vaudeville, died of illnesses within hours of each other.

Rose, millionaire showman who made his fortune from extravaganza, curvaceous girls and the stock market, died at 66 early today in Montego Bay, Jamaica, of lobar pneumonia.

He had come to Montego Bay, where he maintains a winter home, to recuperate from heart surgery performed in Houston, Tex., in December.

Rose was an impresario, theatrical producer, newspaper columnist, nightclub owner and writer of such songs as "That Old Gang of Mine," "Without a Song," and "Me and My Shadow."

Worth \$25 Million

Worth more than \$25 million at his death, he made his first million three months after his water ballet "Aquacade" became the hit of the 1939 New York World's Fair.

At one time Rose owned 17 nightclubs, including the plush Diamond Horseshoe opened in 1938.



Sophie Tucker



Billy Rose

Two Cottages Leveled by Fire

Another Guttured; Chief Overcome

TWIN LAKES (AP) — Two summer cottages were leveled and a third gutted by fire of undetermined origin Wednesday in this Kenosha County resort community's Musil subdivision.

Chief Gilbert Amborn overcame by smoke at the and taken to Burlington Memorial Hospital for treatment.

Two leveled homes belonged to William Tronteau of Chicago and E.H. Fell of Oak Brook, Ill., and the third to John Long of Libertyville, Ill.

Richard Long, son of John Long, estimated the damage at between \$70,000 and \$80,000 for the three houses and their contents.

White House Lists Humphrey's Stops

WASHINGTON (AP) — The White House announced today that Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey's current mission to the Far East will extend from Saigon in South Viet Nam to Thailand, Laos, Pakistan, India, Australia and New Zealand.

Press secretary Bill D. Moyers said there possibly will be other stops before Humphrey returns to the United States on a trip expected to last another two weeks.

FEAR RAIL STRIKE

LONDON (AP) — The British government and private firms made emergency plans today in the face of a threatened national rail strike next Monday.